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For: A METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING LIQUID CARTRIDGE AND A  
LIQUID CARTRIDGE

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Information Disclosure Statement by Applicant form (PTO/SB/08A and/or B, PTO-1449, or equivalent).

The following checked sections apply to this Information Disclosure Statement:

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- ☒ Additional Comments

Applicant(s) have the following additional comments:

**The cited references were brought to Applicants' attention in an Office Action, in Japanese patent appln. no. 2003-204740, which is a counterpart to the subject application. A copy of that Office Action is enclosed herewith.**

**It should be noted that cited reference US 4,729,396 is an English-language counterpart to cited reference JP 02-502564A. Also, JP 2-502564A is provided as JP 2676076B2.**

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that an initialed copy of the accompanying Information Disclosure Statement by Applicant form (PTO/SB/08A and/or B, PTO-1449, or equivalent) be returned to the undersigned indicating that such information has been considered.

Other than any fees mentioned above, no fees are believed to be due in connection with this Information Disclosure Statement. Nevertheless, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees which are deemed to be now or hereafter due in connection with this paper to Deposit Account No. 19-4709.

Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of this application is respectfully requested. In the event that there are any questions, or should additional information be required, please contact Applicant(s) attorney at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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		<b>4,729,396</b>	<b>03-08-1988</b>	<b>Kelly et al.</b>			
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		<b>2676076B2</b>	<b>03-13-1996</b>	<b>Japan</b>			
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		<b>2002-17835A</b>	<b>01-22-2002</b>	<b>Japan</b>			<b>w/ Engl. abst. &amp; transl.</b>
OTHER DOCUMENT(S) (Including Author, Title, Date, Periodic Pages, Etc.)							
		<b>Office Action in Japanese patent application 2003-204740, dated 9/14/2005</b>					
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